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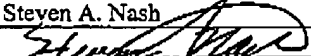
<p align="center"><b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b></p> <p>Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995, See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)</p>	Application Number	09/841,908
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.


**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of an RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE Practice.

1. <u>Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114</u>	
a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted
i.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed <u>February 17, 2004</u>
ii.	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
iii.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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iii.	<input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
iv.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Communication and Petition for Extension of Time.</u>
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a.	<input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
b.	<u>Other</u> _____
3. <u>Fees</u> The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.	
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i.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
ii.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
iii.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any additional fee found to be due in connection with this submission.
b.	<input type="checkbox"/> Check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed
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